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SUBJECT OCAM FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING BEGINS - OCAMTEL 1.

1. CAPPING WEEKS FRANTIC PREPARATION FOR MAURITIUS' FIRST  
SIGNIFICANT SERIES INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS, FONMIN DUVAL OPENED  
FIVE- DAY OCAM FONMINS CONFERENCE PORT LOUIS AFTERNOON APRIL 25.  
GOVERNMENTS SO FAR REPRESENTED ( HEADS DELEGATIONS IN PARENS WITH  
MINISTERIAL LEVEL IDENTIFIED) INCLUDE: DAHOMEY ( MINED BADJOGOAUME);  
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CHAD ( FONMIN BADA HASSAN); UPPER VOLTA ( FONMIN JOSEPH CONOMBO);  
SENEGAL ( FONMIN ASSANE SECK); CAMEROON ( FONMIN VINCENT EFORE);  
RWANDA ( MININTCOOP AUGUSTIN MANYANEZA); NIGER ( FONMIN BOUKARY  
SABO);  
GABON ( FONMIN SECGEN A. M. NZAMBI); CONGO BRAZZAVILLE ( FONMINSECGEN  
BENJAMIN BOUKOULOU); CAR ( T. M. JAQUES); IVORY COAST ( L. A. ADUKO);  
TOGO ( J. L. SAVIDE TOVE); GOMR ( AUGUSTIN PORTOS AMPY) AND MAURITIUS  
( FONMIN GAETAN DUVAL. DUVAL UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN, WITH  
BADJOGOAUME AS VICE- CHAIRMAN AND EFORE RAPPORTEUR. GOM  
REPORTEDLY DESIRES FRICTIONLESS NON- POLITICAL MEETING AND,  
ACCORDING  
PRE- CONFERENCE PRESS BRIEFING BY SECGEN FALILOU KANE ( SEPTTEL),  
HE ALSO FORESEES FONMINS MEETING DEVOTED NON- POLITICAL ISSUES.

2. GOM EFFORTS PREPARE FOR THIS AND SUBSEQUENT SUMMIT HAVE BROUGHT  
OTHER BUSINESS THIS VEST- POCKET COUNTRY TO STANDSTILL. FLAGS,  
TRIUMPHAL ARCHES BEDECK ALL MAIN ROADS ( ONE ARCH COLLAPSED EARLY  
IN DAY, INJURING THREE). WITH FRENCH FINANCIAL AID, 14 NEW BEACH  
BUNGALOWS HAVE BEEN BUILT HOUSE HEADS OF STATE OR THEIR REPS AND  
15 SPECIAL D-15 CITROENS FURNISHED OUT OF EXISTING FRENCH AID  
FUNDS. SEVERAL BEACH HOTELS COMMANDEERED FOR DELEGATIONS, ONE  
OF WHICH ( GABON) SAID TO NUMBER OVER FIFTY. COUNTRY' S TINY TAXI  
FLEET LIKEWISE RECRUITED FOR DELEGATES AND GOM AIDES, INCLUDING  
HOSTESSES. LATTER, ACCORDING PRESS, TO BE AVAILABLE ALL DAY " AND  
PART OF NIGHT". STRENUOUS EFFORTS ASSURE BROAD RANGE FOOD ITEMS  
AVAILABLE VISITORS HAVE CONTRIBUTED NUMBER SHORTAGES LOCAL MARKET,  
BUT ADDITIONAL IMPORTS BEEF, POTATOES AND OTHER ITEMS ANTICIPATED  
BEFORE SUMMIT MAY RELIEVE SITUATION. OCAM MEAT NEEDS MET FROM  
SOUTH AFRICA.

3. SPEARHEADED BY HYPER- ACTIVE DUVAL, WHO REPORTEDLY GIVEN CARTE  
BLANCHE AS TO EXPENSES BY PRIMIN, GOM HAS GONE OUT OF ITS WAY  
ASSURE FAVORABLE RECEPTION. PRIVATE SCHOOLS, WHICH HAD  
THREATENED " STRIKE" DURING MEETING, REPORTEDLY PROMISED BY DUVAL  
THAT GOM FINANCIAL HELP THEY HAVE LONG DESIRED WOULD BE  
FORTHCOMING  
AFTER OCAM. PRESS HAS BEEN PRIVATELY COUNSELLED AVOID CONTENTIOUS  
PROSE WHICH MIGHT GIVE OFFENSE UNPREDICTABLE AFRICAN LEADERS.  
WITH STATE EMERGENCY AND PRESS CENSORSHIP IN EFFECT SINCE LAST  
YEAR, SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM THIS SCORE. UNITS SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE  
SUPPLEMENTING RIOT UNITS AND POLICE TO ASSURE SECURITY LODGINGS  
AND CONFERENCE SITES.

4. COMMENT: CAR FONMIN AND GABONESE MINSTATE FON AFFAIRS  
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REPORTEDLY EXPECTED. WHILE THIS WILL ADD FURTHER LUSTER MEETING,  
SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS UNLIKELY AT LEAST TIL SUMMIT SESSIONS  
NEXT WEEK.  
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